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Lloyd Fladgard and Scott Fladgard

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

This paper is a preliminary amendment canceling certain claims and adding new claims to the present application. Please amend the application as set forth below.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-24 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 28-48 as follows:

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